

Georgia Schools Ready for 8th Annual Georgia Walk to School Day

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Students from schools throughout the state will walk and bicycle to school on March 8 as part of the eighth annual Georgia Walk to School Day (gWalk). Organized by the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Resource Center, gWalk events emphasize the importance of pedestrian safety and bicycle safety, physical activity, concern for the environment, and building connections between families, schools, and the broader community.



Georgia Walk to School Day helps school communities achieve goals related to student well-being, public health, and safety, including:

- Enhancing health by increasing the amount of physical activity, especially through walking and biking to school
- Improving air quality by reducing automobile emissions in the school zone
- Making the streets safer by relieving traffic congestion and promoting pedestrian safety

“Georgia Walk to School Day continues to be a flagship spring event for SRTS. We have so many schools participate year after year and welcome all of the schools participating for the first time,” said Katelyn DiGioia, GDOT's SRTS coordinator. “The Georgia SRTS Resource Center website and School Outreach Coordinators have great materials and tools to make events a success.”

About the Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center

Established in August 2009, the Resource Center works with elementary and middle schools to create school-based SRTS teams aimed at encouraging children to walk and bike to school safely. The Resource Center offers a partnership program for schools interested in creating a local Safe Routes to School program. School Outreach Coordinators offer program support and guidance to Partner schools. School-based Safe Routes to School program activities are centered on Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation. For more information, visit www.SafeRoutesGA.org or call 1.877.436.8927.

Contact the SRTS [Resource Center staff](#) and go to www.SafeRoutesGA.org for more information about events, materials, and opportunities to participate.

